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Time the State of the Kingdom of *Judah* was grown very Corrupt ; for which, various Troubles and Calamities befell them : For in the Year of the World, 3350, began the *Captivity of Babylon*, which lasted 70 Years ; and in the Year 3360, *Jerusalem* and the *Temple* were destroy'd by *Nebuchadnezzar*, 2 *Chron.* 36.

3427. In the 7th. Year of *Cambyses*, King of *Persia*, was an *Eclipse* of the *Moon* : About which Time the *Jews*, whom *Cyrus* had released from the *Babylonish Captivity*, were hindered from building the City and Temple, *Ezra* 1. and 4. Chap.

3459. In the 31st. Year of *Darius Hystaspes*, King of *Persia*, was an *Eclipse* of the *Moon* : About which Time *Altiades*, General of the *Athenian* Forces, gave *Darius* a prodigious Overthrow near *Marathon*. For *Justin* says the *Persian* Army consisted of 600000, and *Miltiades* had but 10000 *Athenians*, and 1000 Auxiliaries of the *Platæans*. *Justin*, Lib. 2.

3469. An *Eclipse* of the *Sun* happened when *Xerxes*, King of *Persia*, made those great Preparations against the *Spartans*, who was discomfited by them near the Straits of *Thermopyle* and *Salamis*. *Justin*, *Ibid*.

3470. There was seen an *Eclipse* of the *Sun* before the Fight at *Platæa*, where *Mardonius*, General of *Xerxes* Forces, received another Defeat. *Justin*, *Ibid*.

3519. This Year there was so great an *Eclipse* of the *Sun*, that the *Stars* were seen at *Noon* Day : After which followed the *Peloponnesian* or *Archidamian War*, between the *Lacedemonians* and *Athenians*.

3526. In the 8th. Year of the *Peloponnesian War*, was seen an *Eclipse* of the *Sun*. About this Time ceased the *Persecution* of the *Jews*, *Darius Nothus* usurping the Empire of *Persia*.

3546. About the End of the *Peloponnesian War*, there was an *Eclipse* of the *Sun* : And the City of *Athens* was taken by *Lysander*, the *Lacedemonian* General.

3619. There was an *Eclipse* of the *Moon* : And *Darius Codomannus*, the last King of *Persia*, was overcome near *Arbela* by *Alexander the Great*, who translated the *Monarchy* from the *Persians* to the *Greeks*.

3775. There was a great *Eclipse* of the *Sun* : and the *Moon*, in the Day-time, the Sky being clear, was darkened, while the Games, instituted in Honour of *Apollo*, or the *Sun*, were celebrated.

3776. This Year was seen an *Eclipse* of the *Moon* : And the Year following that Beast *Antiochus Epiphaneus* began to tyrannize. He was the 8th. King of *Syria*, a most Cruel and Bloody Tyrant : He took *Jerusalem*, plundered the City, robbed the Temple, set up *Idols* therein, and by sundry cruel Torments compelled the *Jews*

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to transgress the Law of God, and to commit *Idolatry*. 2 *Maccab.*

3782. A great *Eclipse* of the *Moon* was seen at this Time: And *Perseus*, King of *Macedonia*, was conquered by *Æmilius* the Roman Consul. Here ended the Kingdom of the *Macedonians*, being translated from them to the *Romans*.

The *Maccabees* began now to appear.

3905. About the Time that *Jutius Cæsar* was slain, there happened an *Eclipse* of the *Moon*.

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Anno Christi.

35. At the Time of the *Passion of Christ* upon the *Cross*, the *Sun* and *Moon* were totally *Eclipsed*, *Mat.* 27. *Mar.* 15. But this was plainly *supernatural*: For the *Eclipses* of the *Sun* ordinarily happen in the *New Moon*, but this happened in the *Full*: Which is evident from hence, because the *Jews* kept the *Passover*, by God's own Appointment, in the *Full Moon*.

45. In the 1st. Year of *Augustus Cæsar* there was an *Eclipse* of the *Sun*. *Herod Agrippa* was smitten by the Angel of the Lord, *Acts* 12. 23. There was also a great *Famine* in *Syria*.

59. An *Eclipse* of the *Sun* preceded the *First Persecution* under *Nero*, which began in the Year 65.

317. There was an *Eclipse* of the *Sun* this Year, when *Arius* began to publish his *Opinions*.

348. There was a very great *Eclipse* of the *Sun*, when the *Arians* prevailed.

360. The *Sun* was *Eclipsed* from Morning until Noon.

393. An *Eclipse* of the *Sun* was seen, and then the *Roman Empire* was divided under *Honorius* and *Arcadius*.

404. Another *Eclipse* of the *Sun*: And in the Year 410, *Alaricus*, King of the *Goths*, took and sack'd the City of *Rome*.

527. This Year was another *Eclipse* of the *Sun*: And the *Goths* made great Spoil and Devastation over the *Roman Empire*.

592. The *Sun* was *Eclipsed*: And in the Year 606, *Phocas*, who murdered the Emperor *Mauritius*, and his *Wife* and *Children*, established the *Pope's Supremacy*. And in the Year 622 the Impostor *Mahomet* appeared.

733. There was an *Eclipse* of the *Sun*: And then began the Controversie about *Image-Worship*. The *Eastern Christians* opposed, and the *Western* approved it; though *Damascen* in the *East* wrote in behalf of *Images*.

796. The *Sun* was *Eclipsed* for 17 Days together; and the *Darkness* was so great, that the *Ships* could not sail. *Bellarmino*, in his *Chronology*, places this wonderful Prodigy at the Year 797.

803. The *Moon* was thrice *Eclipsed*, and the *Sun* once.

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806. There was an *Eclipse* of the *Sun*.
 807. There were 3 *Eclipses*; one of the *Sun*, and two of the *Moon*.
 809. The *Moon* was *Eclipsed*.
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 812. This Year an *Eclipse* of the *Sun* preceded the Death of *Charles the Great*. This was a *prodigious Eclipse*; for, as *Eginhard* writeth in the Life of *Charles the Great*, a *Black Spot* appeared in the *Sun* for seven Days.

About this Time, there was a great Change under the Emperor *Charles the Great*; the Empire being then divided into the *Eastern* and *Western*, and the *Christian Religion* largely propagated.

This Prodigy, as *Alfredius* conjectures, undoubtedly portended the *Eclipse* of the *Gospel* under the *Popes of Rome*; who, being enriched by *Charles the Great*, and his Father *Pipin*, began to aspire to *Secular Power* and *Jurisdiction*.

Some place this *Eclipse* at the Year 814; but then they are to be understood according to the more *exact Account* of Time, which differs two Years from the *Vulgar Computation*.

831. There were 3 *Eclipses*; one of the *Sun*, and two of the *Moon*. About this Time *Ludovicus Pius*, King of *France*, was taken by his Sons, and cast into Prison; and the *Ecclesiasticks* took too much upon them in *State Affairs*.
 840. There was a very *great Eclipse* of the *Sun*, so that the *Stars* could no more be seen, than in the darkest Night. The same happened again in the Year 899.
 1290. An *Eclipse* of the *Sun* preceded the *setting up* of the *Ottoman Empire*.
 1387. Upon the *Nones*, or 5th. of *November*, there was such an *Eclipse* of the *Sun*, as the like was hardly seen.
 1415. On the 7th. of the 4th. Month, in the Morning, being the 6th. Day of the Week, there was such a *dreadful Eclipse* of the *Sun*, that the *Birds* of the Air fell to the Ground.
 This Year, upon the 6th. of the 5th. Month, *John Huss*, that *Faithful Martyr of Christ*, was burnt by the *perfidious Council* of *Constance*.
 1544. There were four *Eclipses*; one of the *Sun*, and three of the *Moon*. About this Time began the *Smalcaldian War*, and various *Stirs* and *Agitations* about Religion.

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